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Chairmen of Municipal Councils under Madras Act I of 1922.

700 *Q.*—Mr. P. Siva Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to decide—

(*a*) whether the chairmen of municipal councils elected under the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, before the amending Madras Act No. I of 1922 came into force, have the retrospective benefit of the latter Act; whether they have the term of one year prescribed under the original Act; or the extended term laid down under the amending Act; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to consult their Law officers in the matter and issue an authoritative Government Order in connexion with the same?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to notification No. 810 published in Part I-A of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 28th November 1922.

Separation of the executive and judicial functions.

701 *Q.*—Mr. P. Siva Rao: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government have appointed a committee to consider the question of the separation of executive from judicial functions in pursuance of the resolution of the Legislative Council accepted by the Government and whether the Government will be pleased to publish its personnel?

A.—The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Rao Bahadur A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu:—"May I know the reasons for the delay in the appointment of the committee?"

The hon. Sir K. Srinivasa Ayyangar:—"There are many members of the committee, and we have got to take their consent. I believe it will be announced very soon."

Transfer of Srivilliputtur and Satiur taluks to Tinnevelly district.

702 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is under contemplation to retransfer the taluks of Srivilliputtur and Sattur to the Tinnevelly district; and, if so,

(2) in what stage the matter stands at present?

A.—No such proposal is under contemplation.

Readjustment of Revenue divisions and taluks in Tinnevelly district.

703 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether there are any proposals for the readjustment of the revenue divisions and taluks in the Tinnevelly district, and if so, to place them on the table?

A.—Proposals are under the consideration of the Government. It is premature to place them on the table at this stage.